The estimates have not yet been finalised as it is expected that some more applications will be received for I.P. sets in these villages.

(*c*) Due to the non-availability of essential materials required for these works, it is not possible to specify any particular period. Arrangements will, however, be made to take up and complete the works as soon as the estimates are duly sanctioned and the required materials are collected.

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**Extension of certain Railway Lines.**

*Q.*—304. Sri B. HUTCHE GOWDA (Tumkur Dirtrict—General).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether they are aware that the extension of certain Railways in the State is necessary as an aid to the economic development of the people and improvement of the trade and commerce ;

(*b*) if so, whether any attempt has been made in respect of (i) Chamarajanagar-Satyamangalam line, (ii) Hassan-Mangalore line, (iii) Kadur-Chikmagalur line, and (iv) Tumkur-Bellary line ;

(*c*) if so, at what stages they are pending ?

*A.*—The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA (Minister for Finance and Industries).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) (i), (ii) and (iii) Yes.
(iv) No.

(*c*) (i) *Chamarajanagar-Satyamangalam Line.*—The survey reports of Chamarajanagar-Satyamangalam - Mettupalyam Project have been received and they are reported to be under the consideration of the Railway Board.

(ii) *Hassan-Mangalore Line.*—The Project was considered by the Central Board of Transport in their 25th Meeting held in Madras on 6th January 1950, which was also attended by the representative of the Madras Government. It was decided by the Central Board of Transport that the Project should be held over for the present.

(iii) *Kadur-Chikmagalur Line.*—Three alternative routes were suggested during 1926 and 1938, but the financial prospects of the line proved disappointing. The Railway Board have informed this Government in October 1950 that the present-day cost of this Project, including provision for rolling stock will be over three times the original cost, that the nett return on capital would be about 0·75 per cent only, and that this return does not justify the investment of a capital of nearly one crore of rupees under the present financial and economic condition of the country.

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## NON-OFFICIAL BUSINESS—RESOLUTIONS—*contd*

Mr. SPEAKER (The Hon'ble Sri V. Venkatappa).—Resolutions.

**Resolution No. 2.**

**Declaring Chitaldrug District a famine stricken area and undertaking relief measures.**

* Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK (Chitaldrug District—General).—

ಸ್ವಾಮಿ ನನ್ನ ತರಾವು ಈ ರೀತಿ ಇದೆ.—

"This Assembly is of the opinion that Chitaldrug District be forthwith declared a famine stricken area and relief measures undertaken to relieve the men and cattle from the distress arising out of the situation."

ಚಿತ್ರದುರ್ಗ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ ಮೈದಾನ ಪ್ರದೇಶ ಎಂಬುದು ಈ ಸಭೆಯವರಿಗೆ ಚೆನ್ನಾಗಿ ತಿಳಿದೇ ಇದೆ. ಅದೂ ಅಲ್ಲದೆ ಇದು ಅನಾವೃಷ್ಟಿ ಪ್ರದೇಶ. ಈ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಾಧಾರಣವಾಗಿ ವರ್ಷಕ್ಕೆ 18-20 ಇಂಚಿಗಿಂತ ಹೆಚ್ಚಾಗಿ ಮಳೆ ಬರುತ್ತಾ ಇಲ್ಲ. ಕೆಲವು ಪ್ರದೇಶಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಒಂದು ವರ್ಷಕ್ಕೆ 10 ಇಂಚಿಗಿಂತಲೂ ಹೆಚ್ಚಾಗಿ ಮಳೆ ಬರುತ್ತಾ